

Troop of the Week

Pfc. Jonathan E. Uldrick The Old Guard Health Care Specialist

Hometown: Chattanooga, Tenn.

Birthday: Feb. 21, 1984

Favorite Water: Oasis

Favorite Food at DFAC: Sloppy Joe

Favorite Thing to do Here: Play Tiger Woods 2003 on X-Box

Recent Accomplishments: Being deployed for the first time

Pfc. Uldrick joined the U.S. Army in September 2002. He went to basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. Upon completion in December of 2002; he attended Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas where he learned how to be a Health Care Specialist.

From there, Uldrick received orders to become part of the ceremonial infantry unit, the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Regiment, The Old Guard. He then attended the three-week indoctrination course where each soldier is taught advanced drill methods used during ceremonies. Missing much of the ceremonial season, Uldrick spent most of his time honing his job skills and preparing to be deployed to the Horn of Africa.

"I wasn't sure to think when I was told we were going to deploy out here," said Uldrick.

Since arriving at Camp Lemonier on Dec. 17, Uldrick has spent time most his time training with the units while making sure the soldiers in his platoon stay healthy.

"Even though Uldrick is the most junior medic in the company, he has been a one man show since being out here," said Sgt. 1st Class Walter Thomas, platoon sergeant for The Old Guard, B Company.

"Be hard, be a combat medic."

-Pfc. Jonathan E. Uldrick

Chaplain's Corner

By Cmdr. John H. Lea, CJTF-HOA Chaplain

We live and work in a very unique environment aboard Camp Lemonier, Djibouti. The African winter is warm and at odds with our typical seasonal experiences. Additionally, many of us are working shoulder to shoulder with other services, and indeed, representatives of other countries, for the first time in our military careers. Furthermore, while some of our coalition partners are traditional friends, others are newcomers to our combined efforts against terrorism. And yet, there is one team aboard our camp whom most of us have even less experience with yet depend upon so much for our daily existence. This team is the folks from Kellogg, Brown & Root – or, as we commonly call them – Brown & Root.

Brown & Root employees, nearly 300 of them, share the same hardships we experience – the dust, the heat, threat condition, lack of privacy, and separation from family – and successfully accomplish a

complex mission daily. These men and women quietly fix our air conditioners, prepare our meals, launder our clothes, maintain our roads, install our power, construct new facilities, issue water, remove our trash, deliver fuel and coordinate our transportation to and from Djibouti. This work force hails from Croatia, Bosnia, Macedonia, Hungary, Djibouti and America. They serve us working in long shifts and odd hours ensuring we enjoy an impressive quality of life all without much fanfare or ado.

Their diligent work frees us up to accomplish our military tasks while providing us with many creature comforts that are easily taken for granted. The chain aboard Camp Lemonier is fastened together with many links – the men and women of Brown & Root comprise an important link in our mission's efforts and deserve both our respect and thanks for a daily job well done!

Enduring Freedom Chapel Sunday Worship Schedule

- 9 a.m.** Catholic Mass (Priest from town)
- 10:30 a.m.** Protestant Evangelical Service
- 2:30 p.m.** Latter Day Saints Service
- 5 p.m.** Gospel Worship Service
- 7 p.m.** Lay Catholic Service
- 8 p.m.** Praise & Worship Service

O'Course Training

Anyone interested in running the Obstacle Course at the 13th French Foreign Legion Base during the last week of January (date to be determined) should contact Sgt. R.L. Kunard, J-3 Training, by email or stop by J-3 Training in building 208. The deadline to sign up is Jan. 22.